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When I first read Thomas Penfield Jackson's summary on the Microsoft case, I was astonished. Here was a judge who had cut through the maddeningly lengthy arguments, avoided what could have been impossibly tangling technical discussions, and convincingly, summarily, and clearly described the kind of illegal and despicable behavior that Microsoft has engaged in for years.

Here, I thought, may be the beginning of the end of the strangling hold that one company has put on innovation by slowly encroaching on area after area of competition and innovation, using popularity of one product to drive the business out of another area, for over 10 years.

My only concern about the proposed settlement was counting the appropriate number of entities that Microsoft should be split into.

Instead, the Government not only lost its will to promote innovation and prevent financial gouging of the American public, but has turned a blind eye while Microsoft continues to prevent innovation and increases the cost of entry into its market to ever higher and unachievable levels.

I am sad that the proposed remedies do not prevent this behavior by Microsoft, but rather continue to encourage their particular kind of piracy and hostage taking.

In hopes that you will promote fair competition in future court cases,

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